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1. FOLLOWING UP ON FOREIGN MINISTER, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ROVIRA TOLD ME THAT SALE OF 106 MM CANNON CONSIDERED BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FROM POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW AND NOT MERELY A TECHNICAL PROBLEM. TA SAID SPANISH RELATIONS WITH IRAQ NOW AT A DELICATE STAGE AND FRANCO ANXIOUS TO

SATISFY IRAQI CHIEF OF STATE IN THIS INSTANCE, BUT GOS DOES NOT DESIRE TO ACT WITHOUT CONSULTING US.

2. THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE THAT SPAIN GIVES TO SALE OF 106 MM CANNON REINFORCES MY BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE, AS RECOMMENDED REFTEL.
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